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USING A HYBRIDIZATION-LIGATION PROCEDURE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Prior to examination, please make the following amendments to the above-identified application:

In the Specification

On page 1, line 5, please insert the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/100,707, filed June 19, 1998, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/853,000, filed May 8, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,866,337, issued February 2, 1999, which claims priority of U.S. Serial No. 08/409,644, filed March 24, 1995, now abandoned, the contents of which are hereby incorporated into this application by reference.